

Total, Veterans' Administration, \$705,420,000: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be expended for the purchase of oleomargarine or butter substitutes except for cooking purposes.

Proviso.
Use of butter substitutes.

SEC. 2. In expending appropriations or portions of appropriations contained in this Act, for the payment of personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, the average of the salaries of the total number of persons under any grade in any bureau, office, or other appropriation unit shall not at any time exceed the average of the compensation rates specified for the grade by such Act, as amended, and in grades in which only one position is allocated the salary of such position shall not exceed the average of the compensation rates for the grade except that in unusually meritorious cases of one position in a grade, advances may be made to rates higher than the average of the compensation rates of the grade but not more often than once in any fiscal year and then only to the next higher rate: *Provided*, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service; or (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation was fixed, as of July 1, 1924, in accordance with the rules of section 6 of such Act; (3) to require the reduction in salary of any person who is transferred from one position to another position in the same or different grade, in the same or different bureau, office, or other appropriation unit; (4) to prevent the payment of a salary under any grade at a rate higher than the maximum rate of the grade when such higher rate is permitted by the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, and is specifically authorized by other law; or (5) to reduce the compensation of any person in a grade in which only one position is allocated.

Salaries limited to average rates under Classification Act.
Vol. 42, p. 1488; Vol. 45, p. 776; Vol. 46, p. 1003.
U. S. C., p. 85.

Proviso.
Restriction not applicable to clerical-mechanical service.
No reduction in fixed salary.
Vol. 42, p. 1490; U. S. C., p. 86.

Transfers to another position without reduction.

Higher rates permitted.

If only one position in a grade.

SEC. 3. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936, the salaries of the commissioners of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the commissioners of the United States Tariff Commission shall be at the rate of \$10,000 each per annum.

Interstate Commerce Commission.
Salary rate of Commissioners.

SEC. 4. This Act may be cited as the "Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1936."

Short title.

Approved, February 2, 1935.

[CHAPTER 4.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To prohibit expenditure of any moneys for housing, feeding, or transporting conventions or meetings.

February 2, 1935.
[H. J. Res. 118.]
[Pub. Res., No. 2.]

Whereas numerous applications are being received from various organizations requesting lodging, food, and transportation for the purpose of holding conventions or meetings at Washington and elsewhere; and

Conventions or meetings.
Post, p. 387.

Whereas the expenditure of Government funds for such purposes is against the policy of Congress: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, unless specifically provided by law, no moneys from funds appropriated for any purpose shall be used for the purpose of lodging, feeding, conveying, or furnishing transportation to, any conventions or other form of assemblage or gathering to be held in the District of Columbia or elsewhere. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the payment of expenses of any officer or employee of the Government in the discharge of his official duties.

Unauthorized expenditures for housing, feeding, or transporting, prohibited.

Official travel, etc., not included.

The President is hereby requested to send a copy of this resolution to the heads of all Government departments and agencies which have been granted lump-sum appropriations.

Copies to Department, etc., heads.

Approved, February 2, 1935.